



Examiner : C.A. Fiorilla  
Art Unit : 1731  
Docket No. : 11728/4

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : J. SUGAWARA et al.  
Serial No. : 10/019,752  
Filed : December 27, 2001  
For : BLACK CERAMIC SINTER WITH LOW THERMAL EXPANSION AND  
HIGH SPECIFIC RIGIDITY AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE  
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment/Response in the  
above-identified patent application.

[X] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

				SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. OR FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL 19 MINUS	20 =	0	x9 =	\$	x18 =	\$	0.00
INDEP. 3 MINUS	3 =	0	x40 =	\$	x86 =	\$	0.00
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE			x135 =	\$	x290 =	\$	0.00
DEP. CLAIM			TOTAL				
			ADDIT. FEE	\$	OR	\$	0.00

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR  
1.16 and 1.17 which may be required to Deposit Account 11-0600. A  
duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

[ ] A petition for a \_\_\_\_ (\_\_) month extension of time and Deposit  
Account authorization to cover the extension fee are enclosed.

[ ] Priority Document.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 3, 2003, the applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Species a, directed to a sintered body with specific properties (i.e., thermal expansion coefficient, modulus of elasticity, and specific rigidity) and method for producing same.

Therefore, applicants elect, with traverse, claims 1, 3, 10, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28 and 29 for further prosecution in this application.

The Office Action at page 3, ¶2 identified Species a as claims 1, 3, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23 and 25. The Office

Action at page 3, ¶2 identified generic claims as claims 10, 27, 28 and 29.

Therefore, applicants have elected, with traverse, the generic claims and Species a for further prosecution in this application.

This election is made without prejudice to the filing of divisional application(s) directed to non-elected invention.

This election is made with traverse because although the applicants maintain that all the claims are patentably distinct, applicants maintain that the claims are sufficiently related to be properly presented in a single patent application.

CONCLUSION

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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